

1923

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF PERU  
FOR THE  
Year Ending February 12  
1923

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# TOWN OFFICERS

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*Moderator*

E. G. CHILD

*Town Clerk*

HOWARD TURNER

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor*

C. H. ROBINSON

E. B. KNOX

JOHN BURGESS

*Treasurer*

H. R. ROBINSON

*Collector of Taxes and Constable*

GEO. H. CONANT

*Constables*

C. W. CHILD

C. H. ROBINSON

W. T. HILL

*Superintending School Committee*

DAVID C. CHENERY

MABELLE ROBINSON

CLEMENTINE WALKER

*Superintendent of Schools*

H. W. COBURN

*Truant Officer*

W. T. HILL

*Board of Health*

O. T. WOODBERY

W. B. KIDDER

H. L. SHAW

*Health Officer*

H. L. SHAW

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

H. L. SHAW

*Road Commissioners*

M. M. FARRAR

A. G. HOWARD

*Sextons*

WALTER CUNNINGHAM

A. W. KNIGHT

*Fire Warden and Inspector*

G. H. CONANT

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*

D. C. CHENERY

W. B. KIDDER

W. J. BRYANT

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 12, 1923:

## VALUATION

Real estate, resident	\$209,500 00	
Real estate, non-resident	84,540 00	
Total real estate		294,040 00
Personal estate, resident	88,077 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	21,007 00	
Total amount personal estate		109,084 00
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Total valuation		\$403,124 00
Value of land		162,941 00
Value of Buildings		131,099 00

## LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	221	\$98 67	\$21,805 00
Colts, 3 to 4	3	70 00	210 00
Colts, 2 to 3	5	69 00	345 00
Colts under 2	3	60 00	180 00
Cows	448	32 77	14,781 00
Oxen	12	61 25	735 00
Three years old	114	30 29	3,453 00
Two years old	97	21 94	2,128 00
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Total Value			\$43,637 00

## EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One-year-olds	111	\$11 79	\$1,309 00
Sheep	132	5 15	681 00
Swine	100	13 53	1,353 00
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Total Value of exempt live stock			\$3,343 00

## ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade	\$13,100 00
Logs and lumber	2,200 00
Wood and bark	15,825 00
Automobiles—110	25,875 00
Musical instruments—57	4,645 00
Material in stock	75 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate	700 00
Other property	3,027 00

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Total amount	\$65,447 00
Taxable live stock brought forward	43,637 00

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Total amount taxable personal property	\$109,084 00
State Tax	
County tax	

## APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax	\$2,409 12
County tax	701 98
For support of common schools	3,400 00
Support of poor	1,500 00
Summer roads and bridges	3,000 00
Winter roads	1,200 00
Miscellaneous town charges	200 00
Town officers' bills	900 00
Memorial purposes	10 00
Interest on school fund	34 38
High school tuition	1,950 00
Text books and supplies	250 00
Repairs on school houses	150 00
School flags	10 00
State aid road construction	300 00
State aid road maintenance (No.2)	24 00
State and state aid maintenance	91 10
Fitting patrol road	50 00
Dixfield and Peru ferry	250 00

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Dixfield and Peru bridge	150 00
Salary Supt. of Schools	240 25
Construction of town office	40 00
Care of cemeteries	55 00
Special repairs Dickvale school	350 00
Improvement of Greenwood road	500 00

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Total appropriation	\$17,764 97
Overlay	282 44
Supplementary	32 62

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Total amount committed to collector \$18,080 89

Number of polls taxed, 244

Number of polls not taxed, 19

Poll tax, \$3.00

Rate of taxation, .043

## POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Overdrawn in 1921	420 36

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Available

\$1,079 64

Paid for support of H. A. Clark:

Mrs. Fred Cunningham, board and  
care

\$267 78

Fred Cunningham, care

1 00

J. M. Sturtevant, M. D.

16 00

C. S. Luce, clothing

2 62

E. B. Knox, moving Clark

6 00

C. H. Robinson

4 00

Leslie Irish, moving Clark

2 50

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299 90

Paid for support of A. J. Hall:

Mrs. E. W. Knox, board and care

\$340 00

C. A. Lane, clothing

12 00

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Total expense

\$352 00

Rec'd from State on acct. of blindness

90 00

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\$262 00

Paid for support of F. J. Wing and family:

Town of Leeds, supplies

\$42 60

Total expense

42 60

Paid for medical aid for Mrs. Etta Bowker:

W. T. Rowe, M. D.

\$6 00

Total expense

6 00

Paid C. A. Lane, supplies for Chas.

Andrews for 1921

\$5 85

Paid W. M. Pease, M. D., Herbert

Bowker account 1921

8 00

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Total expense

\$624 35

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Unexpended balance

\$455 29



*Poor Belonging to Other Towns*

Paid expense of Emma Morris:

Glenna O'Connor, board and care	\$217 40
R. W. Bicknell, M. D.	75 50
H. B. Marsh, undertaker	87 78

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Expenditures	\$380 68
Due from City of Lewiston	380 68

*Poor Belonging to State*

Paid for board, clothing and professional  
services rendered Frank Bartlett \$450 31

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Expenditures	\$450 31
Rec'd from State	343 06

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Due from state	\$139 25
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## CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$55 00	
Unexpended balance	7 86	
Available		\$62 86
Paid Walter Cunningham	\$12 00	
O. O. Tracy	9 00	
A. W. Knight	4 00	
E. G. Child	3 00	
Expenditures		28 00
Unexpended balance		\$34 86

*Hollis Turner Cemetery Account*

Interest not collected 1922.

Amount available		\$45 02
Paid A. W. Knight, labor	\$3 00	
C. W. Knox, painting fence	16 00	
Kidder Bros., paint	13 05	
H. R. Robinson & Son, labor	5 05	
Expenditures		37 10
Unexpended		\$7 92

*Cushman Cemetery Lot Account*

Interest due for 1922	\$2 00
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*Fencing Unprotected Cemeteries or Removing Bodies*

Available	\$85 85
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*Memorial Purposes*

Available		\$10 00
Overdrawn in 1921		66
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Amount available		\$9 34
Paid Roy Linnell for flags	\$7 20	
E. B. Knox, placing flags	2 00	
C. H. Robinson, placing flags	2 00	
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Expenditures		11 20
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Overdrawn		\$1 86

## SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Appropriated		\$40 00
Paid W. M. Kidder, lumber	\$16 66	
G. H. Conant, stove	5 00	
I. C. Kidder, chairs and supplies	5 79	
M. O. Walker, labor	3 15	
H. R. Robinson, labor	6 52	
C. H. Robinson, hauling lumber	2 00	
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Expenditures		39 12
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Unexpended balance		\$ 88

## DIXFIELD AND PERU FERRY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Overdrawn in 1921	46 26	
Available		\$203 74
Paid E. B. Knox, labor	\$11 50	
C. H. Robinson, labor	9 00	
M. O. Walker, labor	3 20	
W. J. Bryant, plank	10 47	
E. E. Brown, labor	4 00	
Kidder Brothers, repairs	2 06	
Kidder Bros., running boat	45 00	
Grugenski Bros., running boat	302 75	
Total expenditures		387 98
Rec. from Dixfield		193 99
Unexpended		\$9 35

## SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Overdrawn from 1921	62 00	
Amount available		\$2,938 00
Patrol allowance		467 40
Available for unpatrolled roads		\$2,470 60
Western section allotment		1,725 12
Paid M. M. Farrar, road commis'r	\$296 92	
Kidder Bros., plank	115 94	
Roy Knox, labor	359 66	
Chas. Frost, labor	161 17	
Albert Ferland, labor	46 00	
Arthur Eastman, labor	142 33	
Frank Potter, labor	6 00	
Gerold Knox, labor	338 33	

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U. G. McIntire, labor	128 16
D. C. Chenery, labor	75 50
Allon Burgess, labor	5 00
R. C. Easter, labor	4 00
C. H. Towle, supplies	11 05
C. A. Lane, supplies	4 40
Frank French, plank	32 00
L. K. Lovejoy, labor	6 00
Bernard Putman, labor	9 00
Thos. Cunningham, labor	10 00
Allon Lovejoy, labor	6 00
Nelson Lufkin, labor	6 00
James Miller, labor	12 00
William Gillispie, labor	3 00
1/4 cost of road grader	47 00
C. A. Lane, supplies	2 28

Expended	\$1,830 74
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Overdrawn	\$103 34
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Eastern section allotment	\$745 48
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Paid A. G. Howard, labor	\$365 89
J. C. Oldham	70 78
A. L. Harlow	14 87
A. G. Walker	12 00
Carroll Oldham	21 00
U. S. Haines	6 00
B. D. Packard	13 00
M. H. Oldham, plank and labor	102 00
Harold Child, labor	16 00
Wilber Hussey	8 00
Ralph Oldham	67 50
Roy Oldham	16 67
E. E. Howard	65 66
R. C. Easter	1 40
G. H. Libby	1 80

Kidder Bros.	6 65
C. S. Luce	4 68
B. C. Kidder	15 67
1/4 cost of road grader	47 00

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Expended	857 38
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Overdrawn by E. G. Howard	\$111 90
Overdrawn by M. M. Farrar	147 34
Paid account of E. W. Sturtevant 1921	24 67

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Total amount overdrawn	\$283 91
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## IMPROVEMENT GREENWOODS ROAD

Appropriation		\$500 00
Paid A. G. Howard	\$184 06	
J. C. Oldham	67 10	
Carroll Oldham	62 67	
Ralph Oldham	83 00	
Roy Oldham	74 67	
W. S. Haines	6 00	
Kidder Bros.	22 50	
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Total amount expended		\$500 00

## THIRD CLASS ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount available		\$828 15
Expended by town	\$782 28	
Expended by state	13 88	
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Amount expended		796 16
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Unexpended balance		\$31 99

## STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town	\$300 00
Unexpended	300 00

## PATROL PREPARATION

Appropriation by town and state	\$100 00
Expended	100 00

## REPAIRS ON POND ROAD

## No Appropriation

Paid A. G. Howard	\$14 50
B. C. Kidder	9 00
Carroll Oldham	9 00
M. H. Oldham	20 20
Ralph Oldham	13 15
Roy Oldham	8 81
Elwood Kidder	3 00

E. E. Howard	28 50
J. C. Oldham	12 50
W. J. Bryant	5 12

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Amount expended	\$123 78
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*PATROL MAINTENANCE*  
STATE AID ROAD NO. 1

Appropriation	\$91 10
Overdrawn in 1921	18 80

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Available	\$72 30
Paid State	83 10

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Overdrawn	\$10 80
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STATE AID ROAD NO. 2

Appropriated by town	\$24 00
Expended	44 00

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Due from state	\$20 00
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*SNOW BILL*

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Unexpended balance	366 57

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Available	\$1,566 57
Paid A. W. Knight	\$13 88
Thos. Cunningham	6 60
H. E. Knox	7 10
Fred Cunningham	2 67
Arthur Mockus	24 82
Alphonse Ferland	11 79
Albert Ferland	7 80
L. K. Lovejoy	13 45
Arthur Child, Jr.	3 71
Carl A. Hoar	12 63
A. G. Walker	40 35
Dennis O'Connor	39 00
J. C. Oldham	2 40



Ralph Oldham	1	20
Maurice Oldham		60
P. K. Child		60
M. H. Oldham	1	80
A. S. Holman	14	90
B. D. Packard	5	13
Fred Russell	1	20
Dommick Majarkis	47	10
Lester L. Child	3	90
V. W. Farrar	11	39
C. H. Robinson	11	63
A. B. McIntire	3	00
E. B. Knox	9	43
G. H. Conant	14	90
J. W. Miller	26	91
G. H. Conant	3	90
M. O. Walker	4	50
M. B. Knox	4	50
C. L. Knox	6	90
Dommick Majarkis	12	45
Alphonse Ferland	13	02
D. O. Delano	6	14
D. W. Oldham	3	30
Albert Ferland	11	25
Carl A. Hoar	10	98
Thos. Richard	14	31
John Burgess	6	18
G. A. Knox	10	47
Chas. Frost	17	53
H. S. Gammon	13	74
M. M. Farrar	9	30
D. W. Lovejoy	4	80
Leon Estes	10	88
H. E. Knox	7	90
M. M. Farrar	4	03
W. S. Haines	1	80
E. E. Cox	1	80

M. H. Oldham	1 20
A. L. Harlow	1 80
Ralph Oldham	1 80
A. G. Howard	13 33
E. W. Sturtevant	12 61
Thos. Cunningham	1 20
Oscar Frost	3 00
A. E. Child, Jr.	6 67
William Marble	90
Chas. Marble	1 50
John Wicken	1 05
S. R. Gill	1 11
R. I. Tyler	27 84
J. G. Tyler	15 90
W. J. Miller	21 93
E. P. Burgess	2 45
W. B. Lufkin	13 20
Alphonse Ferland	8 10
Fred Cunningham	3 33
Duncan Law	3 00
G. H. Conant	31 56
E. G. Child	19 45
H. R. Robinson & Son	23 93
E. B. Knox	26 23
J. C. Oldham	33 90
Harold Packard	9 55
W. S. Haines	2 40
A. L. Harlow	10 38
Leland Kidder	1 20
Carroll Oldham	6 00
Leroy Oldham	4 65
B. D. Packard	29 17
D. J. Chamberlain	9 06
Emerson Oldham	19 80
Emerson Oldham, horse	10 08
D. W. Lovejoy, labor	33 30

W. H. Conery	3	15
John Burgess	17	66
D. C. Chenery	5	40
Arthur Child, Jr.	17	35
Alex Dragoon	7	80
Alex McFee	90	20
Veian Lord	4	35
Glenroy Miller	19	63
M. B. Knox	6	30
E. M. Gammon	8	10
Bennie Dragoon	4	20
Robert Gillispie	49	66
Will, Knox	2	40
A. W. Knight	32	06
E. E. Howard	49	08
M. H. Oldham	20	40
A. G. Howard	74	50
E. E. Cox	1	80
Fred Russell, labor	4	20
Dwight Bigelow	1	35
Harold Child	2	10
S. H. McIntire.	3	90
A. S. Holman	20	46
D. W. Oldham	38	43
A. W. Eastman	23	24
Frank Searles	2	85
Fred Searles	8	85
Isaac Searles	8	70
Joe Remikia	2	40
R. V. Robinson	5	70
Fred Cunningham	16	00
Walter Cunningham	3	45
W. J. Bryant	33	56
Sylvester Searles	12	45
M. O. Walker	12	60
H. E. Knox	35	40

Carl A. Hoar	41 48	
Frank Irish	1 50	
E. W. Sturtevant	20 70	
Arthur Sutton	2 25	
Leon Estes	18 33	
Joe Remekas	16 33	
A. A. Knox	30 10	
Alphonse Ferland	51 64	
Albert Ferland	41 90	
A. A. Burgess	1 80	
C. L. Knox	18 78	
E. E. DeMeritt	9 90	
A. B. McIntire	13 56	
Chas. Frost	90	
Percy Frost	90	
John Frost	90	
Glenroy Miller	8 22	
Total expenditures		\$1,865 81
Overdrawn		\$299 24

## DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Lester C. Child	\$9 45
Weston W. Dunton	3 00
Farnum Estes	3 00
Leon Estes	33 69
Frank G. French	19 88
Isabelle Gammon	7 10
Walter Harding	3 00
William A. Hopkins	3 00
Chandler B. Knox	3 00
Frank Lamb	3 00
Mrs. Frank Lamb	21 50
Glenroy Miller	3 00
Willis L. McGuire	12 67
Peter Potvine	14 83
Perley Potvine	9 62
Orin H. Pingree	11 60
Alfred C. Richardson	3 00
H. Lowell Shaw	4 20
Glenna O'Connor	13 21
<i>new</i> Tax deeds on hand	63 28
Due on tax bill, 1922	462 90
Clarence H. Widber	10 53

## Non-Resident:

Hattie Ammond	9 67
Oxford Lumber Co.	213 07
Charles Neff	11 83
G. M. Rolft	21 50

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\$447 75

## ABATEMENTS

## On 1921 tax:

Walter Knox, sickness	\$5 00
William H. Cox, dez.	3 00
Silas Hotham, dez.	3 00

## On 1922 tax:

Arthur B. Child, paid in summer	3 00
Frank Potter, on account injury	20 41
John B. Wright, unable to locate	3 00

## MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

Appropriation	\$200 00
Unexpended balance	205 33

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 Available

\$405 33

Paid H. R. Robinson & Son, use of water tub	\$5 00
C. M. White, use of water tub	5 00
B. D. Packard, use of water tub	2 00
J. C. Hyman, use of water tub	4 00
James Irish, use of water tub	3 00
Maine Farmer Pub. Co., printing Town Reports	84 00
Mathew McCarthy, for collecting taxes and tax deeds	135 41
M. M. Farrar, work on road ma- chine	5 78
Loring, Short & Harmon, Select- men's book and supplies	26 15
R. C. Easter, repairs on road ma- chine	6 80
Tho. Cunningham, planks for Pa- trol road	4 00
Fred Cunningham, spring work on Patrol road	41 25
The Good Road Machine Co.	10 50
A. G. Howard, work and repairs on road machines	6 55
C. H. Robinson, paid for sign boards	4 60
E. B. Knox, freight on road grader	6 50
North East Metal Culvert Co., road grader	119 00
Howard Turner, deed and ins.	2 28
John Burgess, interest on note	100 00
O. R. Burgess, supplies for Select- men	70

Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	26 65
H. L. Shaw, supplies for Sealer of Weights and Measures	2 00
W. J. Bryan, plank for Patrol rd.	15 00
C. H. Robinson, expenses at Asses- sors' Convention	12 41
H. W. Coburn, office expense	13 25
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., birth and death certificates	1 75
H. R. Robinson, treas. ins.	3 10
Howard Turner, deed and ins.	5 26
R. W. Bicknell, M. D., birth and death certificates	75
C. H. Robinson, supplies, postage, and telephoning	3 00

Total expenditures	\$656 69
Rec'd of A. G. Howard, $\frac{1}{2}$ cost of culvert	13 33
Expended	\$643 36
Overdrawn	\$283 03



## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriation	\$900 00	
Overdrawn in 1922	174 27	
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Available		\$725 73
Paid E. G. Child, Moderator and Selectman	\$8 00	
E. B. Burgess, ballot clerk	4 00	
H. R. Robinson, ballot clerk	4 00	
P. K. Child, ballot clerk	4 00	
M. H. Babb, ballot clerk	4 00	
A. H. Conant, fire inspector	3 00	
C. H. Robinson, Selectman	188 00	
E. B. Knox, Selectman	164 00	
John Burgess, Selectman	124 00	
H. R. Robinson, Treasurer	70 00	
Howard Turner	50 00	
D. C. Chenery, Sc. Bd.	7 00	
Mabelle Robinson, Sc. Bd.	13 75	
Clementine Walker, Sc. Bd.	28 00	
G. H. Conant, tax collector	255 38	
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Expended		\$927 13
		<hr/>
Overdrawn		\$201 40

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Feb. 10, 1923

*Resources*

Cash in hands of Treasurer \$2,411 71

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*127, Forward* *29,37.89*  
 Due from State, State Aid, rd No. 2 20 00

Due from State, Frank Bartlett, rd. No.

2 139 25

Due from City of Lewiston, Emma

Morris acct. 380 68

Due from Fred Cunningham on road

grader 25 00

Land in Thompson's Grant and Lot

No. 9, Range 10, 100 acres 300 00

Total resources

*3802.82*

~~\$380 82~~

### *Liabilities*

Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co. \$1,100 00

Loan from John Burgess 2,000 00

Outstanding orders 1,017 69

Liabilities over resources

*314.87*

~~\$4,117 69~~

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. ROBINSON,

E. B. KNOX,

JOHN BURGESS,

*Selectmen of Peru.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

H. R. ROBINSON, *Treasurer*

### DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 12, 1921 \$1,844 61

Tax deeds on hand 327 67

Due on tax bills of 1919 210 17

Due on tax bills of 1920 285 89

Due on tax bills of 1921 394 40

Cash int. on I. C. Irish tax deeds 81 11

Colby G. Walker, lot in cemetery 10 00

E. L. Knox, pay for lumber 26 00

H. S. Shaw, auctioneer's license 2 00

Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co. 600 00

Town Clerk, dog licenses 173 00

Loan from Rumford Falls Trust	
Co.	1,700 00
State on acct. State Paupers	107 71
Loan from Rumford Falls Trust	
Co.	1,500 00
Loan from Rumford Falls Trust	
Co.	300 00
Loan from Rumford Falls Trust	
Co.	100 00
Interest on Perry & Whitney tax	
deeds	16 98
State on acct. State Paupers	101 00
Richard Gill, lot in cemetery	10 00
Town of East Livermore, overpaid	
Pauper acct. of 1921	20 50
State on acct. of A. J. Hall, needy	
blind	45 00
Commitments of tax bills of 1922	18,080 89
State School Fund for 1922	2,188 73
R. R. and Tel tax	08
State Highway Dept. acct.	782 28
State Supt. of Schools	100 00
State Support of Paupers	134 35
Interest on Leon Cummings tax deeds	8 76
State on acct. of A. J. Hall, needy	
blind	45 00
Interest on J. E. Winslow tax deeds	5 55
Anne G. Howard, 1/2 expense of	
culvert	13 33
Anne G. Howard, 1/2 expense of fer-	
ry	193 99
G. H. Conant, lot in cemetery	10 00
Dickvale School League for books	25 25
G. H. Conant, poll tax not in commit-	
ment	3 00

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\$29,447 25

## CR.

By paid int. on town notes	\$188 62
Paid dog licenses for 1922	169 00
Paid County tax for 1922	701 98
Paid patrol maintenance	600 50
Paid town note	1,500 00
Paid town note	300 00
Paid State tax for 1922	2,409 12
Paid town notes	2,300 00
Paid town note	100 00
Paid town orders turned in	18,240 14
Tax deeds on hand	63 28
Due on tax bills of 1922	462 90
Cash on hand	2,411 71

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\$29,447 25

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 1, 1923.

## *Marriages*

1922

March 18, William B. Austin and Shirley E. Gill, both of Peru.

July 8, Henry G. Hall and Grace A. York both of Peru.

July 18, Fred A. Russell and Mildred E. Bigelow, both of Peru.

August 19, Antony Stanlis of Peru, and Mary Lokosusus of Lewiston.

September 4, Anthony Jacobson of Boston and Blanche E. Godish of Peru.

October 16, Alexander Godish and Victoria, Dragoon, both of Peru.

December 7, Charles W. Knox and Lydia R. Chase, both of Peru.

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January 20, Fan Charity of Rumford and Blanche E. Knight of Peru.

## *Births*

Correction of misprint in last year's report. Should have read:

June 17, 1921, to Theresa and William H. Howard, a daughter, Pauline Beverly.

July 19, 1921, to Sadie and Merton O. Walker, a daughter, Barbara Eva.

1922

February 18, to V. Lena and Ray J. Tyler, a daughter, Emma Evelyn

March 22, to Inez M. and Charles S. Dymment, a son, Thurl Clayton.

June 3, to Madeline G. and Herbert E. Knox, a daughter, Everdene Gertrude.

July 14, to Emily A. and Carroll L. Robinson, a daughter Carolyn Ethel.

July 16, to Iva M. and Elmer L. Child, a daughter, S. B.

July 30, to Melda and Burchard D. Knox, a daughter, Beatrice Irene.

October 8, to Ethel R. and Earland E. Frost, a daughter, Lillian Ismay.

October 20, 10.20 A. M., to Tillie and Andrew Arsenault, a son, Rollins Joseph.

October 20, 11.10 A. M., to Tillie and Andrew Arsenault, a son, Robert Joseph.

November 19, to Estella R. and John V. Kiken, a son, Uric Woodrow.

December 30, to Wilma E. and Dana W. Russell, a daughter, Gwendolyn Rita.

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January 13, to Ruby E. and Frank E. Irish, a son, Robert Edward.

January 14, to Ethel E. and Elwood E. Kidder, a son, George Delbert.

January 14, to Hattie and George E. Allen, a son, Arthur Wesley.

January 23, to Lydia K. and Charles W. Knox, a daughter, Janice Phyllis.

January 27, to Lizzie N. and Sidney C. Goggin, a son, John Everitt.

January 28, to Ella S. and Fred Luce, a daughter, Pauline Marguerite.

February 1, to Mildred E. and Fred A. Russell, a daughter, Geneva Grace.

*Deaths*

1922

March 10, at Rumford, Bernice Haines, aged 3 months, eleven days.

March 18, at Lewiston, Marguerite O'Connor Walker, aged 30 years, 2 months, 25 days.

March 26, Mary J. Burgess, aged 56 years, 5 months, 28 days.

May 6, Arthur B. Knight, aged 2 months, 9 days.

May 30, Charles E. Watson, aged 16 years, 9 months, 13 days.

June 13, Emma Morris, aged 65 years, 9 months, 12 days.

July 9, Wm. Henry Cox, aged 62 years, 11 days.

July 31, Martha McDugall, aged 32 years, 11 months, 23 days.

August 2, Percival L. Knight, aged 49 years, 3 months, 22 days.

August 23, Sherwood R. Gill, aged 17 years, 11 months, 28 days.

October 25, at Canton, Cyrus B. Gammon, aged 50 years, 6 months, 13 days.

October 27, George E. Conant, aged 3 years, 6 months, 12 days.

October 30, Charles J. Tracy, aged 78 years, 7 months, 28 days.

*HOWARD TURNER*, Town Clerk.



ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN WARRANT

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STATE OF MAINE

County of Oxford, ss.

*To George H. Conant, a Constable of the Town of Peru, in said County, Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Peru, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the several Town officers for the year 1922.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Art 4. To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, the Poor, repair of roads and bridges and to defray all other Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid, as provided in Sec. 19 of Chap. 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 for the improvement of the section of State Aid Road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the amount being the maximum which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Sec. 18, Chap 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$24.00 for the maintenance of State Aid Road No. 2 as provided by Section 17, Chapter 25, of the Public Laws of 1916.



Art. 8. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$100 for the patrolled maintenance of State and State Aid Road, according to Sections 8 and 17, Chapter 25, of the Public Laws of 1916.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to choose one or more Road Commissioners.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$50.00, to prepare the Patrol Road for the patrolman, the Town to receive a like amount from the State.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise money and what sum, for the maintenance of the Dixfield-Peru Ferry.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$225.00 for painting and repairs on the Dixfield-Peru Bridge.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and how much, for the purchase of metal culverts.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and what sum, to purchase a fireproof cabinet for the protection of the Town Clerk's Records.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and what sum, to paint the Town Hall.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and what sum, to paint the iron bridges.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and what sum, to build over the old road machine for winter use.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay the interest, also any part of the principal on the John Burgess loan.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and how much, for the salary of the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise money, and what sum, for care of cemeteries.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for Special Repairs on Schoolhouses.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and what sum, to purchase a new road machine.

Art. 24. To choose a Collector of Taxes and fix his compensation.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Dixfield-Peru Ferry, so called, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the erection and repair of guide boards.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to pay James Miller's and Dominic Mazerka's snow bills.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Road Commissioners to put in more time inspecting winter roads.

Art. 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town House in said Town of Peru on the morning of the fifth day of March, A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of correcting the lists of voters.

Given under our hands at Peru, this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1923.

CLARENCE H. ROBINSON,  
E. B. KNOX,  
JOHN BURGESS,

*Selectmen of Peru.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*To the Citizens of the Town of Peru:*

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

There was no change in the teaching staff for the spring term, 1922, and, although the long term of 14 weeks was rather hard for both teacher and pupil, excellent results were attained. This long term was made necessary in order to satisfy the State requirements as to the disposition of the equalization fund, received last year, and it made a State school year of 34 weeks, while the fiscal year consisted of only 30 weeks.

The opening of the fall term found four teachers in their old positions, Mrs. Garland, Miss DeMeritt, Miss Bailey and Mrs. Richards, and these teachers are fully keeping up the standard of work established last year. The new teachers are Mrs. Hazel Linnell at the Center and Miss Hilda Humphrey at the Union. Mrs. Nellie Gillespie taught the first six weeks at the latter school but was obliged to resign on account of the death of her father. Miss Humphrey, who was elected to fill this vacancy, has had one year's experience teaching and one term at Summer school. This school is doing well and has a fine percentage of attendance, especially when one realizes how far most of the pupils live from the schoolhouse. The Center school is progressing finely under the instruction of Mrs. Linnell, who is a graduate of Farmington Normal School, and the training received there, coupled with her experience as a teacher and Superintendent, make her a valuable teacher for this school.

Every school in town has an Improvement League or some similar organization which is doing something every year to improve the school room or equipment. In this way the past year, a sectional bookcase has been purchased at East Peru; a Victrola and records at the Union; fifteen new books for their library and one-half a ten volume Encyclopedia at Dickvale; new curtains at the Primary school; new

wall paper and a playroom nearly finished at the Grammar school. The Center school is at present working for funds to purchase a Victrola, and have made a good start toward their goal. In addition, pupils at East Peru, the Center, the Grammar and the Primary schools have placed a handsome picture on the walls of their school rooms, earning them by securing subscriptions to a magazine. All this shows a fine, healthy community spirit which is very commendable and very encouraging to school officials. I think parents and friends of the school children should do all in their power to assist in these projects for betterment of school surroundings, for we all know that our school rooms can be made much more attractive than they are at present.

### *Attendance*

The School census taken April 1, 1922, showed 240 people between the ages of 5 and 21, 125 boys and 115 girls, and of this number, 102 are attending the Town schools with 35 elsewhere.

The percentage of attendance for the two terms for which figures are available, is an improvement over the figures of last year, it being 92.88% as against 90.5% last year, and is a large increase over the percentage of 83.4% the year before. These figures, to my mind, are very significant, as, to a large extent, they are a reflection of increased interest in school work on the part of the pupil, which has been awakened by these teachers of training and experience, whom it has been the policy of the Town to employ the past two years.

The Grammar School wins the honor this year for the best attendance, with a mark of 95.06% which is an extremely high percentage and one which will not soon be beaten.

### *Tuition*

The number of students attending High School has decreased from 36 last year to 29 at the present time. We are paying tuition for 13 at Dixfield, 10 at Canton, 3 at Gould's Academy, 2 at Rumford and one at Mexico.



Five of these are in the graduating class which will leave 24 to return next fall. We have 12 eighth grade pupils to enter some High School this year which will bring the number back to 36 again, and the estimate for tuition is based on this number.

### *Textbooks*

During the year new English books have been supplied for the third, fifth and seventh grades, new supplementary reading matter for nearly every school, singing books for the Center, besides other ordinary replacements. With the addition of English books for the other grades and Geographies for the lower grades our book equipment will be very good.

### *Buildings*

The Union, Dickvale and Center school buildings are in very good condition and will only need a small outlay for repairs for the next few years.

There is some necessary work that must be done at East Peru and at the Pond where a school will be reopened next fall.

During the summer chemical toilets were installed at Dickvale and have proven to be a great success. The old toilets are used to increase the wood room and conditions there are now very satisfactory.

According to the State laws all school houses must be furnished with sanitary toilets before the fall of 1924, and therefore, we have three buildings to be equipped with either chemical toilets or sanitary dirt closets before that time, the Union, Pond and West Peru. With the first two this is simple matter, but the West Peru building is a different proposition and the case needs to be considered very carefully. This is an old building, the walls are crumbling and in a few years it will have to be replaced by a new building or else a large amount of money will have to be expended to put it in decent shape. The cost of equipping a two story building of this type with sanitary toilets will be large, and it is a question whether it is policy to do this and then in a

few years lay out a lot more money for necessary repairs, or to dispose of the building and erect a modern, up-to-date two room school house which would be a credit and an ornament to the Town for many years to come. One or the other of these two things must be done in the next two years and is something that must be decided at the annual meeting in 1924.

In the meantime it seems necessary to standardize the other two buildings in respect to sanitary conditions and an amount deemed necessary to do this, also to cover the present overdraft, is included in the estimates. It is possible that we may receive some State aid for this purpose but it is not safe to figure on it at this time.

#### *Finances*

The total expenditures of the school department for the year have been \$8498.91 and the receipts \$8729.97, leaving a balance of \$231.06.

It is a pleasure to report a balance on hand for it is the first time that I have been able to do so since I have served as Superintendent of your Town. It is especially pleasing from the fact that we have increased the fiscal school year from 30 weeks last year to 35 this year.

I think it is generally understood that it is the Committee's plan to get back to the 36 week school year, thereby giving our children equal advantages with the neighboring Towns. Accordingly an amount deemed sufficient to do this—with the aid of an equalization fund which will be received from the State—is given in the estimate for common schools.

This amount is \$100.00 larger than was raised last year but it seems to be necessary on account of reopening the Pond school next fall.

Under the new law for the State distribution of the School Fund we received over \$400.00 more than last year and this was a material help toward lengthening the school year. This fund is distributed on the basis of school census, aggregate attendance and teaching positions and is available for use for common school, secondary school and school

supplies accounts. We shall receive approximately the same amount next year and it has been so taken into consideration in making up the estimates.

### *Flags*

A small amount is recommended for the purchase of school flags.

It will be necessary at some time during the year to provide new flags at the Union, East Peru and the Pond school houses, and under the law a separate appropriation must be made for this purpose.

### *Estimates*

The total amount estimated for school purposes is the same as was raised last year and, unless something unforeseen takes place, should carry us through without any overdrafts. I trust they will be acted on favorably by the voters at the Annual Meeting.

Common schools . . . . .	\$3,500.00
Tuition . . . . .	1,400.00
Interest on school fund . . . . .	34.38
Books and Supplies . . . . .	200.00
Repairs . . . . .	150.00
Special repairs . . . . .	850.00
Superintendence . . . . .	240.00
Flags . . . . .	10.00

In closing I wish to say that the co-operation in the management of school business given by the Committee is greatly appreciated by the Superintendent. Very few small towns have committees that show so much active interest in school matters.

I also wish to thank the teachers for their aid in the administration of the schools and for their devotion to their work. They are each and every one earnest workers and deserve the praise of every citizen.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. W. COBURN, *Superintendent.*

## TABULAR SCHOOL STATEMENT

	No. Weeks	No. Regis- tered	Average Attendance	Teacher	Salary per week
Spring, 1922					
Grammar	14	23	22.34	Ina L. Garland	\$20.00
Primary	14	27	25.38	Ariel DeMerritt	20.00
Center	14	20	19.54	Marion Glines	20.50
East	14	17	15.85	Edna A. Bailey	20.00
Union	14	12	11.78	Sibyl Park	15.00
Dickvale	14	18	15.61	Etta Richards	18.00
		117	110.50		
				Attendance, 94.44%	

Fall, 1922					
Grammar	12	12	11.16	Ina L. Garland	\$21.00
Primary	12	25	22.56	Ariel DeMerritt	20.00
Center	12	17	14.93	Hazel Linnell	21.00
East	12	19	17.59	Edna A. Bailey	22.00
Union	10	15	13.58	Hilda Humphrey	15.00
Dickvale	12	14	13.33	Etta Richards	18.00
		102	93.15	Attendance, 91.32%	

For two terms, 92.88%

*Percentage of attendance per school*

Grammar	95.06	Figures for the winter term are not available as some of the schools are in session at this writing.
Primary	92.12	
Center	92.76	
East	92.85	
Union	94.34	
Dickvale	90.86	

*Teachers' Directory, Fall and Winter Terms*

Address Training

Ina L. Garland	Rumford	Gorham Norm., 3 sum. sch.
Ariel DeMerritt	West Peru	Castine Normal
Hazel Linnell	Peru	Farmington Normal
Edna A. Bailey, Gardiner, R.D.		Farmington Normal
Hilda Humphrey	Dixfield	Dixfield High, 1 sum. school
Etta Richards	Mexico	Farm. Nor., 2 sum. schools



*Common Schools*

## Receipts

Appropriation	\$3,400 00	
Interest on school fund	34 38	
State school fund	1,996 30	
	<hr/>	\$5,430 68

## Expenditures

Overdraft, 1921-22	\$ 64 31	
Teachers' salaries	4,058 00	
Transportation	640 00	
Fuel	250 60	
Janitor work	189 00	
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Balance		<hr/>	\$228 77
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*High School Tuition*

## Receipts

Appropriation	\$1,950 00	
State school fund	292 35	
	<hr/>	\$2,242 35

## Expenditures

Overdraft, 1921-22	\$ 127 45	
Town of Dixfield	1,110 00	
Canton	637 50	
Rumford	80 00	
Mexico	79 40	
Gould's Academy	139 00	
Hebron Academy	69 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,242 35

*Books and Supplies*

## Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 250 00
Dickvale School Improvement League, 1/2 encyclopaedia	24 25

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\$274 25

## Expenditures

Overdraft, 1921-22	\$ 33 28
Textbooks and Supplies	201 12

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\$234 40

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Balance

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\$39 85

*Repairs*

## Receipts

Balance, 1921-22	\$ 7 69
Appropriation	150 00

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\$157 69

## Expenditures

West Peru	\$ 90 39
East Peru	19 62
Center	34 73
Union	12 00
Pond	2 00
Dickvale	5 97

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\$164 71

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Overdrawn

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\$7 02

*Special Repairs, Dickvale*

Receipts		
Appropriation		\$350 00
Expenditures		
Overdraft, 1921-22	\$ 49 45	
Chemical toilets	196 15	
Freight and installation	75 00	
Lumber and carpenter work	59 99	
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		\$380 59
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Overdrawn		\$30 59

*Superintendence*

Receipts		
Balance, 1921-22	\$ 24 75	
Appropriation	240 25	
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		\$265 00
Expenditures		
H. W. Coburn, salary	\$ 240 00	
H. W. Coburn, equalization fund	25 00	
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		\$265 00

*Office Expense*

Expended for postage, stationery, telephone, etc.	\$13 25
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*Flags*

Receipts		
Appropriation		\$10 00
Expenditures		
Flag, Center	\$3 31	
West	3 33	
Dickvale	3 31	
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		\$9 95
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Balance		\$ .05

*State School Fund*

Received		\$2,288 65
Transferred to common school acct.	\$1,996 30	
Transferred to Tuition account	292 35	
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Total expenditures for the year, not including		
Office Expense	\$8,498 91	
Total Receipts	8,729 97	
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Leaving a balance of		\$231 06